

## Note to Letterpress Equipment Purchasers:

You have reached this page from an outdated link. Unfortunately, the Great Letterpress Renaissance Sale that you are seeking is long over, and all the material has been disbursed. However, everything that we offered, and a great deal more, is still available from any of several dealers who specialize in used letterpress equipment:

### Letterpress Dealers

To purchase a nice, reconditioned press such as a C&P Pilot or the equivalent (Craftsman, Sigwalt, American, etc.) or even a Vandercook, in ready-to-go shape, visit the website of [Don Black Linecasting](#) in Toronto, Canada (known colloquially as Letterpress Heaven North). Don is a dealer in used letterpress equipment with probably the best and most organized inventory in the world. He usually has Pilots in stock, and frequently gets in Vandercooks and other goodies.

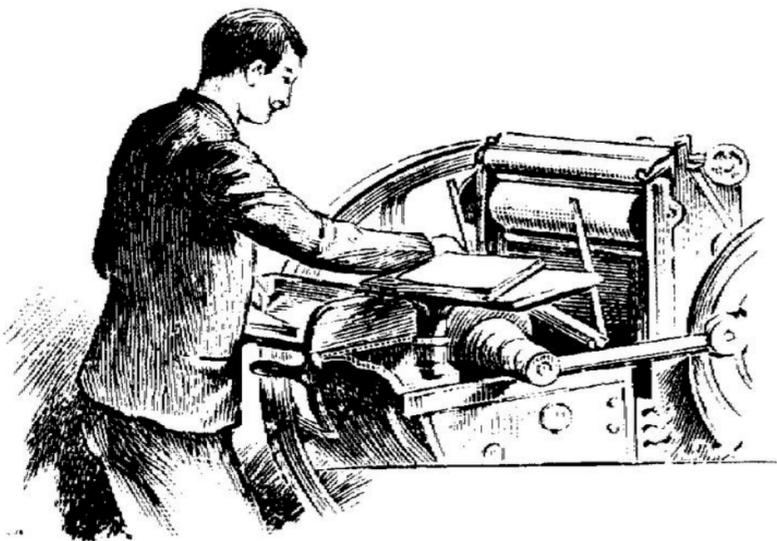
Another excellent source for presses and other equipment is [Dave Churchman](#) in Indianapolis, whose legendary warehouse is a cross between Ali Baba's Cave and the Gutenberg Museum. On the East Coast of the US is [John Barrett](#) of Letterpress Things in Massachusetts, who has a steadily increasing and well-organized supply of equipment and material. There are also smaller dealers such as American Graphics and SOS Linotype (information on them and others can be found, of course, in the [Briar Press Resource Guide](#).) On the West Coast, [Jim Heagy](#) in San Francisco has an enormous warehouse with over a thousand cases of type and cuts that are regularly offered on eBay.

While most of these dealers generally have a full array of used letterpress equipment on hand, large, floor-standing platen presses are usually best found locally (by checking the [classifieds at the Briar Press](#) or other online sites, or your local newspaper) because of the substantial cost to move, rig and ship them. And speaking of eBay, quite a few letterpresses turn up with some regularity on this large auction site, along with type, accessories and hundreds of letterpress graphic blocks, known as 'cuts'. Although it's very much a case of "buyer beware", you might find [something interesting up for bid](#) there.

The best suggestion we can give you, however, for assistance in setting up your letterpress shop, is to check out the **Introduction to Letterpress Printing**, from which the above section was excerpted. In it you will find a definitive, current, set of links to letterpress vendors and information, both on the web and elsewhere. You can find the latest version (it is updated at least monthly) at [www.fiveroses.org/intro.htm](http://www.fiveroses.org/intro.htm).

All that said, however, the following catalog is still being left online as a historical artifact, as well as a guide to worthwhile printing-related organizations. Happy window shopping!

# The Great Letterpress Renaissance Sale



Thanks to the letterpress pixies (and the generosity of many people, including the Mandel family of American Printing Equipment and Supply Corp. and the Yale Honorable Company of College Printers) a giant cache of rare printing equipment has been made available to the letterpress community. This incredible find includes the world's largest inventory of New Old Stock Hamilton Imposing Surfaces and tens of thousands of pounds of brand new foundry type, as well as hundreds of other new and used letterpress goodies. All of this material is presently in an easily accessible, dock-high warehouse in New Haven, CT directly off the intersection I-95 and I-91. In the interests of helping along the current Renaissance of letterpress printing, and providing support to several worthy organizations who are working hard to keep the letterpress tradition alive, this treasure trove is being offered for sale under the following terms:

Every item has a **CATALOG PRICE**. This is the current selling price for the item, as taken from the most recent catalog of American Printing Equipment & Supply Corp. in which the item appeared and adjusted to current dollars, or from online web sites offering similar products. You are welcome to purchase any of the listed items at these prices (on a first-come, first-served basis, being aware that many of them are available only in very limited quantities.)

However, every item also has **SUPER DUPER, LETTERPRESS SUPPORTER DISCOUNT PRICE!** You may order any item at this incredibly low price **IF** you belong to **ANY FOUR** of the following organizations. Note that if you don't currently meet the criteria, you should immediately sign up with the group(s) of your choice, so that you can take advantage of these unbelievable discounts:

- Amalgamated Printers Association..... (<http://www.apa-letterpress.org/>)
- American Amateur Press Association ..... (<http://members.aol.com/aapa96/index.html>)
- American Printing History Association..... (<http://www.printinghistory.org/>)
- American Typesetting Fellowship (subscriber) ..... ([http://www.printerstradingpost.com/htm/associate\\_info.htm](http://www.printerstradingpost.com/htm/associate_info.htm))
- Brayer and Bodkin - The Michigan Letterpress Guild..... ([letterpressions@cs.com](mailto:letterpressions@cs.com))
- Briar Press web site (see home page for secret word!)..... (<http://www.briarpress.org>)
- Chicago Center for Book and Paper..... (<http://www.bookandpaper.org/importantstuff.html>)
- Greater Richmond Itinerant Printers..... ([dclinger@mindspring.com](mailto:dclinger@mindspring.com))
- Grolier Club ..... (<http://www.grolierclub.org/>)
- Hamilton Wood Type Museum ..... (<http://www.woodtype.org/>)
- History San Jose Printers' Guild..... (<http://www.historysanjose.org/PrintShop.html>)
- Houston Museum of Printing History or its Printers' Guild..... (<http://www.printingmuseum.org/>)
- International Printing Museum ..... (<http://www.printmuseum.org/>)
- LetPress Internet Mailing List ..... (<http://hermes.csd.unb.ca/bin/wa?SUBED1=letpress&A=1>)
- Letterpress Guild of New England..... (P.O. Box 380788 Cambridge, MA 02238-0788)
- Minnesota Center for Book Arts..... (<http://www.mnbookarts.org/main.html>)
- Museum of Printing..... (<http://www.museumofprinting.org/index.html>)
- New York Center for Book Arts ..... (<http://www.centerforbookarts.org/>)
- St. Louis Letterpress Society ..... ([skyship@compuserve.com](mailto:skyship@compuserve.com))
- Syracuse, NY Printers ..... ([dinorton@juno.com](mailto:dinorton@juno.com))
- The Printer (current subscribers only)..... ([http://www.printerstradingpost.com/htm/the\\_printer.htm](http://www.printerstradingpost.com/htm/the_printer.htm))
- Typophiles ..... ([daletype@worldnet.att.net](mailto:daletype@worldnet.att.net))
- Virginia Amateur Press Association ..... ([jlwarner@cpcug.org](mailto:jlwarner@cpcug.org))
- Yale Honorable Company of College Printers ..... ([scribe@hccp.net](mailto:scribe@hccp.net))



**AMERICAN 'PILOT' PRESS**  
 Considered one of the best tabletop presses ever made, the Pilot Press is a low-cost, hand-operated press perfect for small jobs such as invitations, business cards, stationary and menus. 6 1/2" x 10". Size 24 x 24 x 25, used, w/o rollers or feedboard.  
**CATALOG: \$1395**  
**DISCOUNT: \$350**

Non-working Pilots (some rust, w/o ink disks, feed-boards, or rollers) for parts or restoration, **DISCOUNT PRICE: \$50**



**ACME TABLETOP PRESS**  
 Small red hand press with 5 x 7 chase. Made in India. Size: 13 x 12 x 16, new, w/o rollers. (Note: these are cute little presses, but not of very high quality. These are not as good as a comparable Kelsey, and certainly not in the same category as a Pilot. Not for precision work.  
**CATALOG: \$345**  
**DISCOUNT: \$100**

Extra Acme chases: \$5 each



**C&P 12 x 18 MOTORIZED PLATEN PRESS**  
 The heavy-duty work horse of the letterpress job shop, these well-used presses will need some restoration work and new rollers. These "new style" C&Ps are extremely heavy, but will last forever once restored. E-mail for more pictures and information  
**CATALOG: N/A**  
**DISCOUNT: \$250**



**C&P 10 x 12 OLD-STYLE PLATEN PRESS**  
 The most popular floor-model platen press for the 'modern' shop. These well-used presses will need some restoration work and probably new rollers. Motorized and treadle versions available. E-mail for more pictures and information  
**CATALOG: N/A**  
**DISCOUNT: \$400**



**TABLETOP PROOF PRESS**  
 Originally designed for printing large signs and proofing type, these presses are ideal for printing cuts, linotype composition, hand type, linoleum blocks, and all type-high plates.

Several models and sizes are available, many new in crates, many used and requiring restoration. Also available: original old Vandercook proof presses (no grippers) in very used condition. E-mail for description and photos of available stock. Original catalog prices from \$500 to \$3000.  
**DISCOUNT: Used, \$25-100; New, \$200-\$500**



**HEAVY-DUTY BOOK PRESS**  
 Robust, heavy-duty book presses are made of solid cast iron and steel construction with bright polished surfaces. The big ball-bearing hand wheel required little pressure in locking the press. All parts of the Robust Press are precision machined for smooth and easy operation. Model 12: 12 x 16 platen, opens 14"; Model 16: 16 x 20 platen, opens 20". New!

**CATALOG: Model 12, \$1345; Model 16, \$2450**  
**DISCOUNT: Model 12, \$ 750; Model 16, \$1350**



**FOOT-POWER STAPLER**  
 The design of this machine and its long reach of 12" make the handling of large and small work equally simple. Equipped with both saddleback and flat tables, (with quickly adjusted guides) which are instantly interchangeable. Cushioned foot pedal, requiring only slight pressure, leaves both hands of the operator free to handle work. An extra-large staple magazine is provided, taking different thicknesses of staples in leg lengths up to 1/2".

**CATALOG: \$962 DISCOUNT: \$225**



**TYPE-HIGH PLATE GAUGE**  
 Engravings and line cuts that are mounted on wood can cause problems in printing if they are higher than the rest of the type. Use this precision gauge to measure and adjust cuts before printing, and verify the height of your printing type. Handheld, type gauges are relatively common, but full-size units such as this, for type and plates, are rare.  
**CATALOG: \$225**  
**DISCOUNT: \$50**



**NUMBERING MACHINES**  
 Precision-made numbering machines lock into your type form and print numbers for jobs such as tickets, checks, forms, ID cards and other sequential projects, automatically incrementing with each impression. Many models available, including MICR (for financial applications), Roman, sans serif, standard and center drive.  
**CATALOG: Average \$150**  
**DISCOUNT: \$10 each**



**ROUSE HAND MITERING MACHINE**  
 The standard in hand mitering machines. Will accurately miter to 45 degrees and square ends of rules. Table is notched and plainly indexed for all useful angles. Capacity 144 picas with extension gauge. Use this to create seamless borders for all your letterpress jobs.

**CATALOG: \$440 DISCOUNT: \$45**



**STEEL IMPOSING TABLE**  
 A perfectly proportioned, new-in-crate, 27" x 39" imposing table with precision machined iron imposing surface with galley-high transfer lip. Built-in storage for full fonts of galleys and furniture as well as 36 galleys, plus large drawer for quoins and tools. Ideal for centralizing everything in your print shop, and essential for accurate form lockup!

**STONE & TOP: CATALOG: \$1975 DISCOUNT: \$250**  
**SURFACE ONLY: CATALOG: \$795 DISCOUNT: \$99**



**GRANITE SURFACE PLATE**  
 Black granite surface plates have a completely flat, smooth surface, ideal for locking up small forms for your table top press to assure trouble-free make-ready.

They offer very accurate, stable, precision surfaces that can also be used for layout, gauging, and inspection in machinist and electronic applications. If you don't have room in your shop for the holy grail of a purpose-made, machined iron imposing surface (see item at left) this granite stone is the next best thing...and hard to find!

**CATALOG: \$320 DISCOUNT: \$150**



**PILOT PRESS CABINET**  
 This sturdy cabinet is of all-steel construction throughout. The cabinet is the exact height for a hand lever printing press. The drawer will hold four Pilot press rollers in a special mount, plus small tools and accessories. The chase rack section will hold four Pilot chases up to 6 x 10 size. Dimensions: 24 x 24, height 25", used. **CATALOG: \$275**  
**DISCOUNT PRICE: \$50**

Also available, used wooden Pilot press cabinets for \$25.



**HEATED BOOKBINDING PRESS**  
 These unique, European, high-speed glue binding presses have a geared head with uniformly threaded upright bars and a hot air blower to quickly dry the glue. 8" piling height. Perfect for large runs of pads, books or forms, and highly recommended for printers, binders and institutions. New in crates!  
**CATALOG: \$675, DISCOUNT: \$250**

Also available (and also new) is the larger model with 21" piling height and no fan. **CATALOG: \$650, DISCOUNT: \$225**



**PHOTOPOLYMER PLATEMAKER**  
 You can now have the in-house capability of producing plates for your letterpress! Using your computer's ability to print thousands of digital fonts and unlimited graphics, you can quickly and economically prepare cuts and plates to your own requirements, saving the time and expense of having to buy outside photoengraving services. Includes brand new UV exposure unit with vacuum bed and digital timer.

**CATALOG: \$1,050**  
**DISCOUNT: \$250**



**STEEL GALLEYS**  
The standard in compact storage for type, cuts and standing forms. A wide range of galleys are available in both regular and stainless steel. Used.

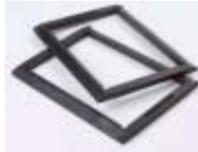
Sizes include 8 3/4 x 13"; 12 x 18"; 10 x 16"; and news galleys for long forms of 6 1/4 x 23 1/2".

CATALOG: \$6 DISCOUNT: \$3



**PRECISION MAKE-UP GALLEY**  
These rare, brand-new, heavy-duty Steel Make Up Galleys are made to last a lifetime. They are constructed from interlocking steel angles with engraved rulers, and finished with a precision steel bottom plate. Absolutely square and accurate, these special galleys can be used in place of an imposing surface for small presses. 12 x 18". New!

CATALOG: \$50 DISCOUNT: \$20



**CHASES**  
Used to lock up the form to be printed (usually with wooden furniture and metal quoins), these chases are each designed for a specific press. We have a room full of them! You name the press (or give us the dimensions) and we probably have a chase specially designed for your specific press, including Pilots, Acmes, C&P, Kluge and more. Used.

CATALOG: \$20-\$55 DISCOUNT: \$5



**ROLLER & INK CABINET**  
Special cabinet has adjustable holders for all your platen press rollers, plus multiple shelves for 100 pounds of ink storage and flammable cleaning materials. The cabinet prevents rapid evaporation or absorption of moisture by the rollers, and as the composition can touch nothing it will not be pressed out of shape. New.

CATALOG: \$450 DISCOUNT: \$75



**STRIP MATERIAL STORAGE CABINET**  
This specialized, hard-to-find cabinet is designed to store in an organized, readily-accessible manner all your uncut leads, slugs, strip rule and border, which comes in 24" lengths. No more kinking leads as you pull them out of the package! The cabinet stores over 1,000 pounds of material, and contains a heavy-duty bottom drawer for storage of borders, ornaments and tools. New.

CATALOG: \$445 DISCOUNT: \$150



**TABLETOP GALLEY RACK**  
This handy galley cabinet provides convenient, compact storage for 48 galleys, the perfect size for the typical hobby print shop. These cabinets also fit perfectly on top of 100-galley capacity cabinets for a complete system, since the outside dimensions are the same. Cabinet height 20 3/4"

CATALOG: \$315 DISCOUNT: \$75



**SHELF AND GALLEY RACK**  
This multi-purpose galley cabinet is made from heavy-gauge steel with a reinforced top. It provides convenient, compact storage for 48 galleys, as well as three shelves for inks and solvents, since the outside dimensions are the same. Cabinet height 20 3/4"

CATALOG: \$350 DISCOUNT: \$75



**FLAT TOP TYPE CABINET**  
Made from heavy gauge steel welded into one solid units, these cabinets will last a lifetime. Cabinets are hard-baked into an attractive gray finish. Holds 12 California job cases in a dust-resistant environment.

CATALOG: \$315 DISCOUNT: \$75



**SMALL TYPE CABINET**  
This compact type cabinet holds small type cases, usually made of plastic or wood, that are 9" x 16". Two sizes are available, one holding four cases and one holding eight (both are stackable). This is the perfect size for a couple of small fonts of type, ornaments or small collections of rules and spacing materials.

CATALOG: \$75 DISCOUNT: \$15



**ORNAMENT CABINET**  
New, small cabinets in pristine condition are ideal for storing ornaments, small cuts and wood type. Steel with baked green enamel finish. Eight drawers, each with two slip-in label holders. Drawers have sloped interior compartments for separating and displaying ornaments. Size 16 x 12 x 8.5". New.

CATALOG: \$200 DISCOUNT: \$50



**TWO SHELF STAND**  
New, rugged shelving units make a good stand for a small Pilot or Kelsey-type hand press. Two shelves for storage of ink, paper or books. Made of 20 gauge steel and finished in Hammertone green baked enamel. Models available include flat bottom (shown), shelves with casters for rolling, and stands with one 3" high drawer.

CATALOG: \$175-225 DISCOUNT: \$50



**PILOT PRESS LEAF TABLE**  
New, rugged steel stand with two drop leaves is perfect for holding a small Pilot or Kelsey hand press. Small drawer holds quoins, keys and tools, while large bottom shelf holds ink and paper. Only 22" wide with

leaves folded, tables expands to a full 39" of work surface when leaves are raised. In excellent used condition.

CATALOG: \$150 DISCOUNT: \$25



**Small Unit**  
CATALOG: \$175  
DISCOUNT: \$25

**PROJECT FILING CABINET SYSTEM**  
These fine sturdy cabinets are made of heavy 20 gauge steel welded into single units, accurately made to insure uniform stacking, and attractively finished in baked Hammertone Green enamel.

Rugged cabinets stack conveniently to fit any height, and lock together firmly for permanent security. Drop-door design of cabinets provide sturdy work-shelf firmly supported by strong hinges and chain supports.. Each cabinet has six compartments. Large unit is 36" long x 19 1/4" deep x 15" high and weighs 47 pounds. Small unit measures 22" x 22.5" x 19" New.



**Large Unit**  
CATALOG: \$250  
DISCOUNT: \$35



**HANGING ARCHIVE FILES**  
New, rugged, rolling cabinets for safe storage of oversize projects, paste-ups, negatives and offset plates, up to 14 x 20 size. Cabinets are dust-proof, constructed of steel and mounted on four bassick ball bearing steel wheels, swivel style. New.

CATALOG: \$285  
DISCOUNT: \$25

**LEAD AND SLUG WORKTOP BANK**

This new, unused worktop bank holds all your leads and slugs, from 4 to 26 picas by pica, in neatly labeled compartments. It is designed to fit perfectly atop a standard single cabinet worktop, such as APE&SC 219

Note that this is a double-sided bank, so that two complete sets can support two compositors! Size is 33" x 8" x 12" at the bottom.

CATALOG: \$196 DISCOUNT: \$25

**ADJUSTABLE LEAD/SLUG/MAKEUP TRAY**

Designed for double cabinet work banks, these adjustable trays fit neatly into the recess above the slanted worktop. There are two tiers, with 58 movable vertical partitions which slip into slots for any pica width. Use this for leads, slugs and other makeup materials. Dimensions 72" x 11". Mostly new.

CATALOG: \$125 DISCOUNT: \$25

**SPACING CASES**

Several styles of these brand new spacing and material cases are available, including (a) eight equal compartments indexed for metal spacing, (b) sixteen round-bottom compartments for copper and brass thin spaces, and (c) ten compartments for leads and slugs from 5 to 10 picas in half-picas.

These cases slip into the standard well above the slanted worktop of composing cabinets, so that you can mix and match to your own needs.

CATALOG: \$18 DISCOUNT: \$15

**WOOD PRECISION LEAD CASE**

Capable of holding almost 1,000 pieces of 2 pt rule, these new wooden cases are carefully engineered to hold leads, slugs or rules from 1 to 9 1/2 picas (by half pica) and 10 to 26 picas (by pica). Each compartment will hold 20 pieces of 2 pt. rule, and there is a special compartment for mitered corners.

CATALOG: \$25 DISCOUNT: \$5

**UNIQUE TYPE-BRUSH/SOLVENT CAN DEVICE**

This exclusive (and very nifty) device almost makes cleaning type and forms fun! A precision made, all-brass canister is attached to a high quality type-brush. Pressing a spring-loaded plunger at the top of the can releases just the right amount of solvent on the type, which is then cleaned with the brush. Available both assembled and as separate parts. Brand new.

CATALOG: \$75  
Assembled \$75  
Un-assembled: \$10  
Brush Only: \$5

**SAFETY SOLVENT CANS**

A full range of new JUST-RITE safety solvent cans is available, in sizes from one quart to ten gallons. These are the sort of cans required by OSHA (and common sense) to store your type and roller wash and other printing-related chemicals.

CATALOG: \$50-100 DISCOUNT: \$10

**LARGE LIGHT TABLES**

New, solidly-made light tables of commercial quality. Mostly of Stephenson Blake manufacture (the best!) These are made of heavy-gauge steel, yet portable. They are equipped for glare-free fluorescent lighting. New in original crates. Does not include light bulbs or glass surface. 27.5" x 34.5" x 6.5"

CATALOG: \$750 DISCOUNT: \$50

**ELECTRIC COLLATORS**

Save hours of work with these high-speed electric collators. Eight bin collators automatically deliver up to 20 full sets per minute. Twelve-bin collators also available. Note that although these appear relatively new, they do not come with manuals, warranties or accessories, so they are sold completely as-is.

CATALOG: \$750-950 DISCOUNT: \$100

**ELECTRIC SPIRAL BINDER**

These industrial-grade units combine punches and comb binders for rapid, production line binding. Punches 24 perforations into 20 sheets at the touch of a button. GBC and Logica brands. Manual punch/binders also available.

CATALOG: \$750-\$950 DISCOUNT: \$250

**RUBBER STAMP PRESS**

Now you can set up your own rubber stamp business! These high-quality units vulcanize rubber stamp material into matrices created by type set the same way as for letterpress printing. Presses include timer, temperature gauge and pilot light. Chase size is 7" x 8" (additional chases are available). Press size is 8" x 10" x 9". Several units available (used), some fixer-up specials.

CATALOG: \$750 DISCOUNT: \$50

**VARITYPER/3M/KROY LETTERING SYSTEMS**

The standard in office lettering for several years, these machines use font wheels to create "type on tape" lettering of any length. To use, simply dial the type disk to the desired character and press the print button.

CATALOG: \$875 DISCOUNT: \$25

**KROMECOTE PAPER**

The ultimate in glossy text and cover stock for reproducing fine-line illustrations and brilliant colors. Full cartons of cut-to-size Kromecote are available at unbelievably low prices. Call or write for details.

DISCOUNT: ENORMOUS

**PRINTING INK**

A large amount of brand-new, unopened ink is available, both oil-based and rubber-based, in one-pound and five-pound cans.

This ink is being sold on a "potluck" basis. Normally \$15-20 per one pound can, get a bundle of five cans of assorted colors (our choice) for only \$10. The best deal in town!

CATALOG: \$20 DISCOUNT: \$2

**FOUNDRY TYPE**

20,000 pounds of the highest quality hand foundry type, from ATF, Stephenson Blake, Deberny & Peignot, Baltimore type, and other famous foundries. Faces include Bernhard Gothic Medium, Century Schoolbook Bold, Consort, Copperplate Gothic, Engravers Roman, Granby, Grotesque, Latin, Lydian, Modern, Spartan, and more. First come, first served, sold by the pack!

CATALOG: \$50 DISCOUNT: \$5, or 50 packs for \$100

**NEW LITHO STONES**

A stunning cache of brand new lithographic stones, perfect for edition lithographs, or for use as a smooth, small imposing surface (or even an ink table!) DISCOUNT \$25

**TO ORDER ANYTHING IN THIS SUPPLEMENT:**  
Contact Juliana Ochs <julie@fiveroses.org>, call (203) 464-1191, or write to The Five Roses Press, 45 East 89th Street #39A, New York, NY 10128.